

Soviets report U.S. woman spy

MOSCOW, June 12 (R). — The Soviet Union said today a U.S. woman diplomat was caught in Moscow with spy equipment including deadly poison she intended to pass on to a Soviet citizen. The government newspaper Izvestia said American Vice Consul Martha Peterson was arrested by a bridge over the Moscow River in July last year while carrying out an assignment for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The woman was expelled, it said. Izvestia said it was reporting the incident in retaliation for the recent arrest on espionage charges of two Soviet citizens in the United States and the row over U.S. charges that Soviet authorities were carrying out electronic eavesdropping on the American Embassy.

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Israelis again defer decision on territory

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 12 (AP). — The Israeli government said today it failed to gain today to decide on the future of the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Prime Minister Menachem Begin was to call an extraordinary meeting of his ministers after this week to end the critical debate which has already taken up two long cabinet sessions.

The debate centres on two questions put to Israel by the United States in an attempt to break the stalemate in Egyptian-Israeli peace talks and revive Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace offensive. The Americans want to know Israel would be prepared to negotiate the final status of the West Bank and Gaza after a five-year transition period and how it proposed to determine the future of these areas. Cabinet secretary Arieh Nativ told reporters after the five-hour meeting that several ministers had requested an extension of the debate, but he gave reason.

For the first time since Mr. Begin took office Mr. Nativ refused to answer questions and turned his back on reporters. He later cancelled a regularly scheduled briefing. Cabinet sources said three ministers submitted papers to the cabinet for discussion, including Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman.

The sources did not say the cabinet was split over the final position. Mr. Begin was reported last week to be canvassing his ministers privately, seeking agreement on a formula. The sources said some ministers asked for more time to study the documents, postponing a decision once more. U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance reportedly messaged

Israel nearly two weeks ago urging a response as soon as possible.

Sadat still optimistic
Meanwhile, President Sadat said yesterday he was still optimistic a peace settlement could be reached and that Israeli accusations that he was reviving war-like talk was "psychological propaganda".

An Israeli spokesman had said President Sadat was creating an obstacle to peace after the Egyptian leader told his troops along the Suez Canal last week they might have to resume the "battle of liberation" if peace efforts failed.

"I am for peace based on justice and Egypt is open hearted and open minded (ready) to receive any new proposals from Israel," President Sadat told pilots and para-troops at a military airbase about 80 kms. northeast of Cairo yesterday.

He reiterated that Egypt was not willing to relinquish any of the land occupied by Israel during the 1967 war or give up any of its sovereignty over its lands.

"If they consider this blowing the trumpet of war they are free in their interpretation," President Sadat said at the airbase in Bilbeis.

By 1980 Egypt will make fighter-bomber

CAIRO, June 12 (R). — President Anwar Sadat has said Egypt would begin producing fighter-bombers within two years.

Speaking to air force and air defence units at an airbase here yesterday, Mr. Sadat said: "Between now and the year 1980, the fighter-bomber plane will be made in Egypt."

He gave no further details and did not say whether the new plane would be fully manufactured or just assembled in Egypt, or whether other countries would be involved in the scheme.

There have been repeated press reports of negotiations with France for the manufacture of Mirage fighters in Egypt but there has never been an official announcement on such an agreement.

War Minister Gen. Mohammed Gamassi said recently that the French Mirages would become the backbone of the Egyptian air force, replacing various types of Soviet-built MIGs.

Mr. Gamassi has accused the Soviet Union, its main arms supplier until relations soured in 1972, of refusing to supply it either with new weapons or parts for existing weaponry.

Mr. Sadat said Gen. Gamassi, now visiting the United States, would submit a full plan for the development of the armed forces when he returned home.

Mr. Sadat said the air force and Egypt's separate missile force were being developed along Western lines. Apart from the fighter-bomber, the process included missiles and electronic equipment, but he gave no timetable for these.



Automobiles crushed under the debris in Sendai, a city to the north of Tokyo, on Monday after a severe earthquake hit Japan. For details see story on page 6. (AP wirephoto)

French-Saudi arms deal confirmed

PARIS, June 12 (R). — French officials and arms dealers today said a Cairo press report that Saudi Arabia had concluded a \$24 billion arms deal with France was highly exaggerated. But they admitted that deals clinched were sizeable.

"France has its share in the bonanza," a leading arms dealer said. "But \$24 billion is a lot of money for a lot of hardware."

The Egyptian weekly magazine October said yesterday that Saudi Arabia had placed orders for tanks, helicopters and a radar system covering the whole Red Sea area.

October's editor Anis Mansour, in an uncorroborated report, said the deal was concluded during a visit to France by King Khalid of Saudi Arabia two weeks ago.

French officials flatly denied today that there was any talk of arms between King Khalid and President Giscard d'Estaing during the monarch's visit to Paris.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, who accompanied King Khalid on his trip to Paris, said at the time that there was no discussion of purchases of France's latest Mirage 2000 fighter-bomber or other arms.

The Saudi government has already purchased more than 300 French AMX tanks, a score of Mirage F-1 fighter aircraft and about 30 helicopters as well as radar equipment.

Saudi Arabia has also placed a big order for AMX tanks mounting a specially-designed Shahine desert missile to equip four mechanised battalions.

The Saudis have an arms purchasing mission attached to their embassy in Paris.

Defending the world's biggest source of oil, Saudi Arabia has embarked on an expensive crash programme to modernise its armed forces. It has a 35,000-man army, a 12,000-man air force and a 3,500-strong navy.

Saudi Arabia, which relies heavily in the military sphere on its special relationship with the United States, is diversifying its arms purchase from

other sources, mainly from France and Britain.

The Saudi recently acquired 60 U.S. F-15 Eagle fighter-bombers from the United States and clinched a big deal for helicopters from Britain.

Egypt pledges support for Zaire

KINSHASA, June 12 (R). — Egypt today pledged its full support for Zaire in the face of the troubles in the central African country's southern Province of Shaba.

The Egyptian commitment came from Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali after his arrival in Kinshasa for talks with the government of President Mobutu Sese Soko.

As Dr. Ghali spoke, a security force consisting of troops from a number of African countries began taking shape in Shaba.

Dr. Ghali, who arrived from Gabon and was holding talks almost at once with Zaire Foreign Minister Umba di Lutete,

told reporters that Egypt totally supported Zaire's unity and sovereignty and opposed any policy of subversion and secession.

As he arrived, Togolese forces were reported ready to leave Lome for Shaba, where they will join some 1,500 Moroccan and 45 Gabonese troops already assembled in Lubumbashi, the provincial capital.

Egypt is reported to have sent heavy artillery, instructions and military equipment to be used by the Zairean army in building its strength to deal with rebel forces.

Last month the rebels invaded Shaba, occupied the mining to

U.N., Lebanon hold urgent talks as Israel hands over southern territory to rightists

BEIRUT, June 12 (R). — United Nations officials were having urgent talks with the Lebanese government today to overcome a last-minute hitch in plans for U.N. troops to take control of southern Lebanon tomorrow. Western diplomatic sources said the secret contacts came after Israel handed over most of its military positions in the region to rightwing Lebanese militias rather than to the U.N. peace-keeping force (UNIFIL).

The sources said the Israelis had evacuated all their main units yesterday they are to complete their withdrawal tomorrow and their positions had been taken over by the militias.

A Reuters correspondent in the area said vehicle belonging to the rightists entered several Israeli positions today, and Israeli tanks had been pulling back towards the border.

The sources said senior U.N. officials were trying to reach a compromise agreement with the Lebanese government which would allow U.N. troops to enter the areas

now controlled by the rightists.

The UNIFIL command had been seeking clarification from the government on the status of the militias for some time, and the latest Israeli move now made this imperative the sources said.

One senior diplomat said: "The two are trying to work out a formula which would sidestep this issue for the time being while allowing the U.N. to deploy fully."

"The talks are still going on and so far there is no firm guarantee that UNIFIL will take complete control of the south tomorrow" he said.

A U.N. spokesman in Beirut confirmed that Israeli troops have abandoned some of their positions in the volatile border region.

He declined to comment on the presence of the rightist militias, but said UNIFIL commanders still expected to fulfil their mandate.

The sources said there were still many Israelis in a 10 kms. deep belt of territory stretching from the Mediterranean coast to the foothills of Mount Hermon, but they were expected to withdraw tomorrow.

Western diplomats believe Israel wants to retain control of this area through its alliance with the mainly Christian irregular forces.

The rightists, estimated at about 600 men, have been fighting Palestinian guerrillas in the south since the civil war ended elsewhere in the country in November, 1976.

Under Maj. Sa'd Haddad they have relied heavily on Israel for military support and supplies, which are conveyed from this enclave near the border along roads built by Israeli army engineers.

A senior Lebanese military source said in an interview published today that Maj. Haddad acts independently of the army command to which he is nominally responsible.

Meanwhile, a senior Lebanese military source told the Beirut English-language weekly magazine Monday Morning that the U.N. security council resolution on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon has superseded all agreements in conflicts which its provisions.

The unnamed source said it was true that the 1969 Cairo agreement between the Lebanese government and Palestinian commandos gave the Palestinians the right to armed presence in certain parts of the south.

"However, the Security Council resolutions prohibit any armed presence in the south with the exceptions of the armed presence of the legitimate Lebanese authorities," the source added.

Leftists urge Sadat to end political restraints

CAIRO, June 12 (R). — The leftist Unionist Progressive Party (UPP) postponed a decision on whether to disband and instead appealed to President Anwar Sadat to freeze a law aimed at curbing political opposition.

After a six-hour meeting of its constituent assembly yesterday, the party voted to reconsider its position within two months if it found it difficult to continue its political activity.

Many party members called for the dissolution of the UPP like the main opposition conservative New Wafd Party which dissolved itself earlier this month in protest against the measures.

But party leader Khaled Mohieddin argued that although dissolution remained a possibility, all other ways must first be explored.

Mr. Mohieddin called on all political parties, including the ruling centrist Arab Socialist Party, to open talks on the controversial law. He also appealed to President Sadat to freeze the law curbing Communists and other political opponents.

Yesterday's meeting upheld last week's decision to halt publication of the party's weekly Al Ahali (the People), until the newspaper could publish the views of the party freely.

Two editions of the newspaper were seized last month.

World News Roundup

Carter has no plans to meet Sadat

WASHINGTON, June 12 (R). — President Carter has no plans for meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to discuss the Middle East situation, White House officials said today. They were responding to a report in the Cairo magazine Rose Al Youssef, which said a meeting was likely before July 23.

Arafat to hold talks with Qadhafi

DAMASCUS, June 12 (R). — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will discuss with Libyan head of state Muammar Qadhafi a conference of Arab states opposed to Egypt's peace initiative with Israel, a Senior Palestinian official said here yesterday. The official spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Abdul Muh-sen Abu Malzer, told reporters Mr. Arafat went to the Libyan Jamahiriya on Saturday. Mr. Abu Malzer said the PLO was undertaking intensive contacts to prepare for a conference of the "steadfastness and confrontation front," which groups the Libyans, the PLO, Algeria, Syria and South Yemen.

Muhammad Ali to visit Soviet Union

MOSCOW, June 12 (AP). — The Soviet Union has prepared a champion's welcome today for Muhammad Ali, the former World Heavyweight boxing champion who became a hero here when he refused the U.S. draft in 1967. The nation's leading newspapers, radio and television have already carried glowing reports of the man they are billing as an "ambassador of goodwill," and the Soviet Sports Committee says it is standing by to accommodate Ali's whims. Ali is expected to stay in the USSR for 12 days.

Nimeiri chairs solidarity meet Saturday

CAIRO, June 12 (R). — An Arab League committee will meet in Khartoum on Saturday to review its progress in trying to resolve Arab differences following President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel. Arab League officials here said President Jaafar Nimeiri would chair the meeting. Sudan is the current chairman of the 22-member Arab League Council and Mr. Nimeiri has visited a number of Arab countries to try to iron out the differences and hold an Arab summit. The officials said President Nimeiri would report to the committee, called the Arab Solidarity Committee, on the outcome of his contacts so far and discuss future plans with the members — Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

Fourth Kuwaiti paper suspended

KUWAIT, June 12 (R). — The Kuwaiti government today suspended the weekly magazine Al Nahda for four weeks, the fourth publication to be closed down by the government in a week. The order, issued by the Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Ali Al Sabah, only said the magazine had violated the publications law.

Polisario reports on May's action

ALGIERS, June 12 (R). — Polisario front guerrillas fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara have said they killed more than 500 Moroccan and Mauritania troops in actions in the territory during the month of May. The front said in a communiqué published on Saturday night by the Algerie Presse Service news agency that it had killed 453 soldiers and wounded 175 in the north of the country, which is jointly governed by Morocco and Mauritania.

World Cup finals—2nd round

BUENOS AIRES, June 12 (R). — Fixtures in the second round of the World Soccer Cup finals:

GROUP A (West Germany, Italy, Holland and Austria):

June 14: Buenos Aires: West Germany v Italy. Cordoba: Austria v Holland.

June 21: Buenos Aires: Holland v Italy. Cordoba: Austria v West Germany.

GROUP B (Argentina, Poland, Peru and Brazil):

June 14: Rosario: Poland v Argentina. Mendoza: Brazil v Peru.

June 18: Rosario: Argentina v Brazil. Mendoza: Peru v Poland.

June 21: Rosario: Peru v Argentina. Mendoza: Brazil v Poland.

Group A matches kick off at 18:45 GMT and group B matches at 19:45 GMT.

Runners-up in Groups A and B will meet on June 24 to decide third and fourth places. The group winners will meet in the final on June 25.

Argentina's matches in Group B will kick off at 22:15 GMT.

Palestinian commandos attack Israeli settlement on W. Bank

BEIRUT, June 12 (Agencies)

The Palestine commando movement said one of its guerrillas was killed in a three-hour clash early today in a Jewish settlement on the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted a guerrilla spokesman as saying the commando unit carried out the "surprise attack at 2 a.m. on enemy military targets and vital installations" at Mehula

settlement in the northern West Bank.

"The group succeeded in storming the centre of the settlement and attacking the set targets, using rockets, hand grenades, machine guns and small arms," the spokesman said.

"At the same time, a supporting unit shelled the settlement with mortars, while the demolition squad planted explosives in four targets," he added.

The spokesman said the targets included a mining plant "the products of which are reserved for the enemy War Ministry" and a pumping station supplying the region with petrol.

"The enemy rushed in helicopter-borne reinforcements," he added.

The guerrillas hoisted the flag of Palestine and Fateh (the major commando group) in the settlement, he said.

The spokesman said: "One of our guerrillas died as a martyr."

He said the operation was code-named Abu Ali Iyad, after a Fateh commando leader killed in 1971.

The reference to the guerrilla leader and the hoisting

of Fateh flags strongly indicated that the operation was mounted by the Fateh organisation.

Explaining the motives for the operation, the Palestinian spokesman said it was designed to "affirm the revolution's ability to face the enemy in all parts of our occupied land."

"Another aim was to enhance revolutionary resistance to all capitalist conspiracies directed against the cause of our Palestinian people and homeland and the dignity of the Arab Nation," he added.

The operation was also meant to consolidate the struggle of Palestinian Arab people within occupied territory.

The Israelis reported no casualties among the 30 Jewish families in the farming settlement, the northernmost in a string of settlements established by Israel after it occupied the area in the 1967 war.

Residents said they were awakened by grenade explosions and gunshots as the guerrilla squad attacked the settlement.

Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Chief-of-Staff Lt.-Gen. Raphael Eitan went to the scene before dawn as the army put in units to search for the escaped guerrillas.

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Good reason to be suspicious

The recent lull in Mideast peace-making efforts, we are told, is due to the fact that everybody is waiting for the Israelis to reply to the two questions put to them by the United States in April. Those questions are, 1) what kind of arrangement do the Israelis envisage for the West Bank and Gaza after a five-year interim period, and 2) how do the Israelis see the Palestinians there determining their own future?

The Israelis are dragging their feet a bit on this one, and with good reason. They are divided in the cabinet, with some people like Moshe Dayan wanting Jordan to be brought into the negotiations, and others like Menachem Begin wanting a vague and noncommittal reply to the Americans, effectively providing no firm reply to those two important questions.

We find it rather understandable that the Israelis are having a bit of a rough time coming up with the answers that the Americans say are so critical, but we are not putting much hope on either a positive Israeli reply or on the supposition that a positive reply will, in fact, get the Israelis out of the West Bank, thereby opening the way to a process of Palestinian self-determination, and, further down the road, peace in the Holy Land. One has to feel discouraged that we are being presented with yet another short-term deadline that is supposed to be critically important. One has to feel doubly discouraged in view of the historic commitment that Mr. Begin has to maintaining Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank. Indeed, Mr. Begin's Herut party, founded in the 1940's, has as its emblem a map of "Greater Israel" that includes all of the East Bank of the Jordan River. Within this psychological context, the foot-dragging of the Israelis on the future of the West Bank and Gaza becomes more understandable, as does the general Arab suspicion of people who ask us to wait a few more months for the Israeli reply, or for the American congressional elections in November.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I says in its Monday editorial that the Israeli cabinet is due to define its position today on the American list of questions regarding the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. It says looking at the statements of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government during the past two months, one finds that Israel has decided to go ahead with its manoeuvres to gain time in a clear bid to avoid committing itself to working for peace in the area.

Therefore, the newspaper says, one cannot expect something good in Israel's expected answers to the American questions, because Israel "will avoid the question of the Palestinians' sovereignty over their land in the West Bank and Gaza strip or any issue of substance related to bringing about real peace in the area."

It is its editorial AL DUSTOUR draws attention to what His Majesty King Hussein told officers of the Jordanian Armed Forces on Sunday.

It points out that when the King said at this meeting that Jordan is the "last barrier" that stands in the face of those who covet the wealth of the Arab World and aspire to control its future, he was not addressing the army officers and men only but "each of the Arab leaders and Arab peoples everywhere who can hear and take notice."

Emphasising the role of the Jordanian Armed Forces in defence of this country and the Arab hinterland, Al Dustour regrets that many projects for developing the army lack the necessary funds to bring them into being.

It says while Jordan is thankful for the backing given it by certain Arab countries, this assistance, it is felt, has not yet reached a dimension proportional to Jordan's great national responsibilities or to the massive potentials of the Arab countries exposed to the Israeli threat and for whom Jordan forms the first line of defence.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibit

"Britain and the World of Islam" is the theme of an exhibition starting today at the British Council. On display are pictures, photographs, posters, records and films from the World of Islam Festival which was held in Britain in 1976, plus over 400 British books on the Middle East. Open till Saturday 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily.

Exhibit Films

The films from the World of Islam Festival exhibition will be screened at the British Council tonight, Wednesday and Thursday in the garden at 8:15 p.m.

German Film

A film entitled "Der Aufrechte Gang," subtitled in English, is showing this evening at the Goethe Institute at 8:00 p.m.

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NCC urges Arabs to support Jordan's army

AMMAN, June 12 (JNA). — The National Consultative Council (NCC) today called on the Arab countries to give generous support to the Jordanian armed forces.

After a debate during its regular weekly meeting today the council issued a resolution thanking His Majesty King Hussein for his "untiring efforts to uplift the standard of the armed forces," and to develop, modernise and expand the armed forces.

Council members had recently visited Jordanian army units and front-line positions.

The resolution pointed out that the Jordanian armed forces are stationed on the longest Arab confrontation line with Israel "whose aggressive and expansionist designs against all the Arabs have no limit."

Therefore, the resolution adds, it is the right of the Jordanian army to receive generous help, not only from the confrontation states but from all Arab countries "as a stable and continuous commitment without any hesitation or stint."

Such support has to be proportional to the mounting challenges, the requirements for defending the Arab nation and its hopes of recovering the usurped lands and liberating the holy places, the resolution said.

The National Consultative Council again urged Arab countries to respond to Jordan's call for fostering and unifying the Arab's indigenous military strength "without which the

drawing of a strategy for defence or liberation cannot be made possible."

The council's meeting was attended by Prime Minister Mudar Badran and several cabinet members. It adopted a resolution asking the prime minister to make a statement on the government's domestic policy covering projects and public services in rural and desert areas.

One of the council members proposed forming a committee from the council and a number of armaments experts to tour the Arab states, especially oil-producing countries, to explain the importance of the Jordanian front and the need to bolster the Jordanian Armed Forces with modern planes and tanks which are the backbone of the armed forces.

Mr. Juma'a Hamad suggested amending the article banning the members of the council from using news items published in the local newspapers as a source of information in council debates. He proposed cancelling the ban his proposal was approved.

The services committee resolved, acting in coordination with public service officials, to mount inspection tours of the regions to get a first-hand look at the citizen's requirements.

Council sub-committee approves social security law

AMMAN, June 12 (JNA). — A sub-committee of the National Consultative Council yesterday endorsed the social security draft law. The sub-committee, formed jointly of the council's Legal and Social Affairs Committees, approved the draft at a session which was attended by the acting minister of health, the acting minister of labour and several other government officials. The draft law will next be referred to the full council.

Crown Prince Hassan continues tour of Jordan Valley Projects

AMMAN, June 12 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday continued his tour of the Jordan Valley. He visited a number of army positions along the front line and met with senior army officers there. Later, the Crown Prince met with the people of Al Rameh and Kafrein and discussed with them the various development projects being carried out in their region. This

was followed by a meeting with members of the farmers union in the Jordan Valley during which ways for increasing agricultural output were discussed. During the tour, the Crown Prince witnessed an experiment to link electric power generated at the Al Hussein Thermal Power Station in Zarqa with the network in the southern Jordan Valley regions. The station at Zarqa will

feed all towns and villages in the Jordan Valley with electric power by the end of this year.

Afterwards, Prince Hassan chaired a meeting of several officials that included the president of the National Planning Council and the director general of the Electricity Authority to review the progress of development projects in the Jordan Valley.

London lads in dune buggy joy-ride leave Amman on their way to Kuwait

By Lee S. Tesdell
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 12 — Summer is usually a time for trips to the mountains, picnics, visiting relatives and relaxation, but for two young men from London, who recently spent a week in Jordan, it is a time for a carefree journey by dune buggy to the Middle East. Colin Hurst, a self-employed wood turner and Mick Angell a self-employed mechanic, left for Kuwait on June 8 after having spent a week in Jordan. "We didn't intend to stay but the people were friendly," they explained.

Their machines, sleek, multi-coloured, fibre glass bodied, Volkswagen powered vehicles, struck a strange sight among Amman street traffic. Colin and Mick said that wherever they went in Jordan, they and their machines were met with groups of curious onlookers.

Asked where the idea for the trip originated, the two London adventurers said they couldn't remember precisely, but that it might have been during a visit to their favourite pub back home.

Their itinerary so far has included Brussels, Belgium, Saarbrücken, West Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Syria. They left home sweet home on Monday, May 31, so have been travelling quickly.

They spent only two days driving through Turkey, where they said that the road there was "jolly well bad", especially through the Taurus

mountains. Until they reached Syria they had rain every day. They told the Jordan Times, in a quick street interview just as they were leaving for Kuwait, that there had been two especially memorable events so far.

Firstly, a collision involving Colin's machine and a bus in Saarbrücken, West Germany which necessitated a three-day stopover for repairs, and secondly, being charged with speeding in a Bulgarian hamlet. Colin and Mick said that while in Jordan they had visited the Dead Sea, camped at Dibbin National Park, seen the Roman ruins at Jarash and spent a lot of time in Amman.

As to the final destination of the two modern day Marco Polos, they had no definite plans as they left Amman. Perhaps they'll think of a way to make their machines seaworthy and continue on into the mysterious East.

In any case their spirit of summer adventure was certainly infectious as I was tempted to sign onto their crew ride off with them into the desert.

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His Majesty King Hussein addressing senior armed forces staff officers at the Palace of Culture Sunday. (JNA photo)

King Hussein: Jordan is the Arab World's first line of defence

AMMAN, June 12 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein said yesterday that Jordan -- from the Yarmouk River in the north to Aqaba in the south -- constituted the principal shield and last barrier in the face of Zionist ambitions on the Arab homeland, its riches and future.

King Hussein, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, was addressing a number of high ranking officers at the King Hussein Youth City.

The King said: "Circumstances have taught us over thirty years that Israel has never been positive, and it is obstructing peace in the region. Therefore, we should always be ready and prepared. There should never be room for despair or slackening in the fight for our cause and for the recovery of our legitimate rights."

The King added that citizens had the right to know how, when and where to live on the land of Jordan and should be kept aware of the standard of ser-

vices that should be offered to them.

On developing the Jordanian Armed Forces, King Hussein said: "We have taken vast strides towards this end by preparing and enhancing the armed forces' competence and combat readiness. There are some defects but we will try the impossible to remedy them."

"Our contacts with our Arab brethren to secure the needs of the armed forces will continue because the Arabs' strength is our strength, their stability is our stability and we have an obligation to give and we must give the maximum. We must always be ready to defend the Arab land."

"We are part of the Arab World and we have to live the Arab reality as our course is one, our ordeal is one and our destiny is one. Jordan will always remain firm in its stand. So long as we live, you, the armed forces, are the symbol of this steadfastness, wherever you are."

JETT INCREASES BUS SERVICE

AMMAN, June 12. — The Jordan Express Tourism and Transport (JETT) company has begun regular bus trips to the ancient sites of Jarash and Petra. Two new buses will be added to the existing fleet and will make trips to Jarash twice a week and Petra three times a week.

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All quotations must be in Jordanian dinars or US dollars, offers presented in any other currency will be rejected.

6. The latest date for submission of proposals to the Telecommunications Corporation Headquarters in Amman is: 14:00 hours, Thursday, September 14th, 1978.

7. The tender documents consist of one volume.

8. All bidders will be required to post a bid bond in the amount of JD 100,000 issued from a Jordanian bank, concurrent with the proposal.

9. Any subsequent amendments will automatically be forwarded to purchasers of the tender documents.

For TCC Tender Committee
 Eng. Moh'd Shalhi Inayat
 Director General

Coming & Going...

Khalil Qatawneh back from Cairo medication meet

AMMAN, June 12 (JNA). — Director of the pharmaceutical department at the Ministry of Health, Khalil Qatawneh returned to Amman Sunday after representing Jordan at the meeting of the higher committee for the regulation of drugs in Arab countries and has formed a special sub-committee to study psychological drugs on the market with the aim of excluding and banning unsuitable drugs. Qatawneh said.

Labour representative returns from Istanbul seminar

AMMAN, June 12 (JNA). — Director of the industrial security department at the Ministry of Labour, Tawfiq Nu'man returned here Sunday attending a week-long seminar in Istanbul on repatriating skilled labour. He said participants in the seminar stressed the necessity for cooperation between developed countries in importing skilled labour. Taking part in the seminar were 20 Arab and Foreign countries as well as a number of regional and international specialised organisations.

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Economic and Business News

Ministers meet in Damascus to discuss

Hijazi railway

DAMASCUS, June 12 (JNA). — The Jordanian and Syrian ministers of transport and the Saudi minister of communications met here today to discuss reopening the Hijazi railway line. Jordanian Minister of Transport, Ali Suheimat said today's meeting adopted a list of qualified consultative companies who will submit tenders for drawing up feasibility studies for the execution of the project. The technical committee for the project comprising representatives from Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia, will hold a meeting in Riyadh during October to evaluate the companies' offers. While in Damascus Mr. Suheimat will also attend the general assembly of the joint Jordanian-Syrian shipping company which will meet here Tuesday under the ministers of transport in the two countries.

Swiss businessmen willing to cooperate in joint economic ventures

AMMAN, June 12 (JNA). — The visiting delegation of Swiss businessmen today discussed with officials at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce establishing Jordanian-Swiss joint economic ventures. The delegation expressed willingness to participate in various industries including canned food, the manufacture of clocks, aluminium products, pre-fabricated houses, tanning and plastics as well as in the construction of hotels and their management. Minister of Industry and Commerce Najmeddine Dajani pledged that his ministry will offer such economic projects the necessary facilities and support.

Volume of Jordan-Sudan trade to increase to \$5m

AMMAN, June 12 (JNA). — At the end of their week-long visit here Sunday the Sudanese trade delegation signed a protocol for increasing the volume of trade exchanged between Jordan and Sudan. The protocol provides for raising the volume of trade exchanged between the two countries from 3.5 million dollars to 5 million and raising the value of national products on display at commercial centres in Amman and Khartoum from the present \$800,000 to \$1.5 million each. The protocol also provides for the exemption of customs duties on certain goods and commodities. The protocol was signed for Jordan by the Under-secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Hashem Al Dabbas, and for Sudan by Hassan Farah Mohammad the Assistant Under-secretary of the Sudanese ministry of supply and commerce.

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Sami Esmail gets 15-month sentence

TEL AVIV, June 12 (AP). — A Tel Aviv district court today sentenced an American student of Palestinian origin, membership in a Palestinian guerrilla group.
Mr. Esmail, 23, was convicted last Wednesday of the charge which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in jail.
Pronouncing sentence, the court said the 15-month term would start from the day of Esmail's arrest on Dec. 21, 1977. This means Esmail would have about nine months left to serve.

ISRAEL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

In a case that caused protest in the United States, the Michigan State University student was arrested when he arrived in Israel to visit his dying father in the occupied West Bank. Mr. Esmail, of Palestinian ancestry, was accused of membership in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He was acquitted of a more serious charge of contact with a foreign agent. Prosecutor Sara Sirota did not ask for the maximum 10-year sentence. Judge Dov Levine said the 15-month sentence was determined in part because Esmail had not come to Israel on assignment by the PFLP, but to visit his father.

But Mr. Levine said he wanted to impose a "substantial" sentence so that the accused will learn to separate his political ideals from enemy activity. Mr. Esmail smiled when he heard the sentence, seemingly relieved at the relative leniency of the term. As he left the court under police escort he raised two fingers in a peace sign. In sentencing Mr. Esmail, Judge Levine said he was taking into account that sentences for Arab students in the occupied West Bank convicted of similar charges were usually not longer than a few months. He added that in the case of Lydia Janssen, a Dutch woman convicted of gathering information for a guerrilla organisation, the total sentence was six years.



Mr. Sami Esmail. (AP wirephoto)

Mr. Levine said, too, that the court believed Mr. Esmail was a serious student who devoted most of his efforts to his university work, not to radical activity, noting the testimony of a character witness and affidavits received from Esmail's professors in East Lansing Michigan.

Mr. Esmail's conviction was based on one of three statements signed by him during his initial interrogation. They outlined his first contact with a PFLP representative in Michigan, and a 1976 trip to Libya which allegedly included military training.

Mr. Esmail's attorney Felicia Langer, had charged that the statements were extracted under duress but the court accepted them into evidence.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian Burying/Selling	
U.S. dollar	311.00/313.00
U.K. sterling	567.00/571.00
W. German mark	148.70/149.60
Swiss franc	162.50/163.50
French franc	67.50/67.90
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.10/36.30
Japanese yen (for every 100)	140.70/141.50
Dutch guilder	138.70/139.50
Belgian franc (for every ten)	95.20/95.60
Swedish crown	67.10/67.50

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing prices
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	1,828	6.850	6.900	6.900
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	153	—	15.400	15.300
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	1,211	16.600	—	16.600
Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	650	1.150	1.200	1.150
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	640	1.850	—	1.850
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1,000	50	—	0.950	0.900
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	259	2.450	2.500	2.450
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	942	1.450	1.500	1.450
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	3,250	11.000	11.500	11.500
Cairo - Amman Bank	JD 5,000	7,000	7.000	—	7.000
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	90	0.850	0.900	0.900

Total volume traded, Monday, June 12 JD 16,073

Total number of shares traded 3,754

- * 50 per cent of share capital paid.
- ** 60 per cent of share capital paid.
- *** 75 per cent of share capital paid.

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JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 2 & 6:
8:30 Quran
8:45 Cartoons
8:50 News in Arabic
11:30 News in Arabic
Channel 3:
6:00 Quran
6:30 Arabic programme
7:30 Arabic programme
8:30 Arabic series

9:30 Arabic programme
10:15 Arabic series
Channel 6:
6:30 Oriental Trail
7:30 News in Hebrew
7:45 Cultural film
8:30 Comedy series
8:45 Washington behind closed doors
10:00 News in English
10:15 Love Boat

GMT:
05:00 News: 24 Hours
05:30 Sarah Ward
05:45 World Today
06:00 Newsweek: Press Review
06:30 News: 24 Hours
07:00 Sarah Ward
07:45 Women in a Man's World
08:00 News: Reflections
08:15 Jaki and Dagger
08:30 Brain of Britain
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Arrivals:

8:15 Damascus (SA)
8:30 Cairo (EA)
9:00 Bangkok, Bahrain (RJ-GP)
9:10 Baghdad (IA)
9:15 Ras El Khayma, Abu Dhabi (RJ-GP)
10:05 Riyadh, Dhahran (SDI)
11:00 Karachi, Abu Dhabi (PIA)
12:30 Kuwait (KAC)
13:30 New York
17:00 Istanbul (SDI)
18:30 Madrid, Athens
18:45 Copenhagen, Vienna
19:10 Rome
19:30 London, Paris
19:30 Amsterdam, Athens
20:25 Frankfurt (LH)
21:00 Beirut (MEA)
21:30 Beirut
22:15 Damascus
01:00 Cairo

Departures:

8:40 Beirut, London (BA)
9:10 Damascus (SA)
9:45 Beirut (MEA)
9:55 Cairo (EA)
10:30 Frankfurt
10:10 Baghdad (IA)
10:20 Rome
11:15 Istanbul (SDI)
12:00 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam
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18:30 Riyadh (SDI)
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First aid, fire, police	" 19
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	" 36281-2
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Police headquarters	" 38111
Najdoh roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	" 21111, 3777
Airport Information (Alia)	" 52305
Jordan Television	" 73111
Radio, English Section	" 74124

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Basmala Theatre	Tel. 238-446
Al Sha'b Art Gallery	" 238-527
American Centre	" 852-362
Arab Cultural Centre	" 333-727
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	" 557-901
British Cultural Centre	" 383-584
Deutscher Demokratischer Kulturverein	" 333-352
French Cultural Centre	" 330-404
Kabkhani Theatre	" 222-616
National Museum	" 114-855
Soviet Cultural Centre	" 225-528
Spanish Cultural Centre	" 334-003
Union Art Gallery	" 334-619
Zaharaya Public Library	" 111-516

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 99
Chamber of Commerce	" 116-220
Electric Power Co. (repair)	" 233-887
Fire headquarters	" 91
Information	" 96/97
Municipal water service	" 113-306
Time (in Arabic)	" 98

Housing in Jordan: 1

Figures show that Jordan's housing boom is not on its way out

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The 1976 housing boom in Jordan has not gone out with a whimper. Two years ago houses were shooting up in Amman and the other big cities in the country and everyone was talking about it. "The difference now", as Mr. Wasef Azar, head of a consulting firm and an expert in housing, put it "is that they are not talking about it."

The amount of residential building being undertaken in 1977 was actually higher -- by about five per cent -- than in 1976. And there can be little doubt that the amount of building will go on increasing well into the future -- although the sort of houses being built will change.

It is true that 1976 was an unusual year. The influx of people from Lebanon and brisk economic growth made 1976 a field day for speculators and property developers. To judge from Central Bank statistics, the amount of residential building in 1976 was over 60 per

This is the first of a three-part series on housing in Jordan. Today's article looks at the rate of growth of the housing industry. The next two articles, which will appear on Wednesday and Thursday will deal with social factors affecting planning and the financing of housing projects.

cent up on the year before. And the Housing Bank approved almost four times as much credit as it had in 1975.

The amount of house building had in fact been growing rapidly since 1974 (1973 was a peak year). The growth curve shot up steeply between 1975 and 1976 and then levelled out for 1977. The latest figures for 1978 suggest that the curve has started an upward swing again.

The impact of the events of 1976 on the housing scene can however be exaggerated. People complain that rents rocketed, but this must have been confined to limited areas because the cost of housing in general -- according to the Amman and Zarqa cost of living index -- increased by only about seven per cent for that

year. And there is nothing freakish about that figure.

The cost of food for instance, rose much faster. In fact, looking at the long term, Mr. Othman Salameh, chief of the domestic economy section at the Central Bank said, "the average Jordanian family spends less of its income on housing now than it did in 1967" -- about ten per cent less.

There are hopes that rents may now be on the way down again. This has already been happening in the more expensive parts of Amman. But taking the city as a whole, rents have gone on rising -- although recently the rise has been slowing down. Land prices in central Amman have reportedly been coming down, but in the suburbs they are thought

likely to stay high.

The 1976 boom in fact made the biggest impact on high-cost housing. Deluxe apartments in Amman are no longer in short supply. But the demand for low and middle-income housing has certainly not been met, and that demand will continue to grow.

The main reason for this is the population growth. Jordan has one of the highest rates in the world. One of the official estimates puts it at 3.2 per cent. In Amman itself it is probably between five and ten per cent.

A comprehensive market survey conducted by the Jordanian consulting firm, Shair Management Services Ltd., estimates that there will be 18,000 new marriages in 1979 and over 22,000 in 1985. The bulk of the demand for housing will come from those new couples.

But besides the natural population growth there are other factors that push up the demand for housing. The most important one in the past has been the immigration of refugees. In 1967 for instance an estimated quarter of a million Palestinians arrived in Jordan, of whom 135,000 settled in refugee camps, outside the cities according to the Housing Corporation.

A more predictable factor is the improvement in living standards. Apart from the less than 10,000 households of Jordanian bedouin living in tents, there are very few families lacking permanent shelter in Jordan according to the Shair report. All the same, the average occupancy rate, according to the Housing Corporation, is 2.5 persons per room. And among low-income groups this rises to about six per room (the average rate in the U.S. is 1.2 persons per room). As people get richer they will demand more living space.

The Housing Corporation estimates that about 2,000 new housing units are needed every year to make up for buildings which are demolished. Jordanians working abroad create an additional demand of 400 houses a year according to the study conducted by Shair. The survey also comes up with the figure of 750 new units required annually as a result of changes in the family structure in Jordan. The traditional extended family is breaking down into smaller units at about that rate every year.

Shair concludes that the total need is for 23,800 new units in 1979 and 28,300 units in 1985. "Effective demand" -- that is, when prices are taken into account as well -- is much lower, and estimated by Shair at 10,700 units in 1979 and 13,700 for 1985. The Housing Corporation gives an average



The market for high-cost housing is becoming overloaded.

figure of 18,000 new units annually up to 1985. The Five Year plan calls for the building of 31,000 new units from 1976-1980, but to judge from the other estimates, this is too low.

There is in fact little agreement about the actual amount of house building going on at any one time. The Central Bank only gives figures for Amman and Zarqa. These are based on the details of municipal licences for building. But a lot of construction takes place just outside municipal boundaries, and so escapes the notice of the statisticians.

Although they are not easy to compare, Housing Bank statistics seem to suggest a greater amount of building activity than official figures report.

Nevertheless these figures in general are more reliable for showing trends than quantities. And as Dr. Wahib Alami,

Director of Research at the Housing Bank put it to the Jordan Times: "The trends that can be discerned now are in the direction of faster activity in the housing field." In the first three months of 1978, the Housing Bank approved loans worth JD 5.6 million compared with JD 3.7 million in the

same period last year. Central Bank statistics however record a less marked increase.

But in any case, with the economy as a whole picking up again after a brief lull since the end of 1976, it is a fairly safe bet that the builders will be kept busy for some time to come.



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URUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Not a good time for social now since you could be quite disappointed. Make an to go along with kin where some philanthropic work earned. Avoid large expenditures of money.

MINI (May 21 to June 21) Try to comply with the is of loved ones and have more harmony. Not the time to delve into a new project that interests you.

MON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Exercise care ving if you are to get anything done successfully. Others may be sarcastic, but take little head.

RA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Tackle work ahead of you d of fretting. Wait for a better day to handle those ms with mate, loved one. Be careful of your diet.

RPPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Steer clear of friends who n every little thing and annoy you no end. Not a ime for socializing. Stick to business affairs.

HITARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Follow every rule gulation that applies to you and keep out of trouble. for greater success in your career.

RICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You are thinking ansion, but study the situation well before you take tion. Get your ideas well rounded out.

JARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't feel annoyed with who are trying their best. Handle business affairs d make your position in life better.

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Brazil edges Austria to join last 8 teams

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Brazil, threetimes Cup winners, squeezed through from Group Three by winning 1-0 against Austria, already assured of qualifying.

Holland, runners-up in 1974, lost 3-2 to Scotland but still went through, finishing second in Group Four behind Peru who clinched top spot by crushing Iran 4-1.

Scotland's tattered soccer image received a belated boost when they beat the Dutch with veteran midfielder Archie Gemmill scoring twice.

Rob Rensbrink's opening goal for Holland was the 1,000th scored in World Cup final tournaments.

Teofilo Cubillas slammed a hat-trick against Peru to become the tournament's top marksman with five goals.

Through to the last eight are champions West Germany, Italy, Argentina, Poland, Holland, Peru, Brazil and Austria.

The final composition of the two second round groups will not be known until tomorrow when lots will be drawn to decide the top two placings in Group Three between Austria and Brazil.

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French francs
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Japanese yen
Swedish crowns
Norwegian crowns
Danish crowns

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1.8885/8900
32.59/61
4.5850/80
859.70/860.20
217.40/60
4.6237/47
5.4105/15
5.6435/50

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed firm Monday in active trading, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up 3.4 at 470.3.

Government bonds showed net gains of a point and more in long dated stock while shorts rose up to 5/8. Market sentiment appeared to be boosted by the government's economic package announced last week, while the exhaustion of the short 'tag' exchequer 9-1/4 pct 1983 "A" today aided firmness, they said, industrial leaders firmed in sympathy with gain ranging to 10p.

Gold shares closed narrowly mixed while Australian firms and U.S. and Canadian dollar stocks eased.

Price of gold closed in London Monday at \$181.25/oz.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

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THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



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GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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DEAR MR. GOREN:

Q.—How can you tell whether partner's bid is a cue-bid or whether he is simply showing a second suit. And what are the priorities in a cue-bidding sequence?—G. Lawrence, Northbrook, Ill.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—As a rule of thumb, if you have agreed upon a trump suit in an auction that is committed to game, a new suit by either partner should be considered a cue-bid. Study these two auctions:

a) South North
1 2
3 4
b) South North
1 3
4 5

In sequence a) North-South are not forced to game. Therefore, South's bid of three diamonds is simply an attempt to get to game, and it is not a cue-bid. It shows extra values with a second suit in which help is needed, and asks North to evaluate his hand for game purposes in the light of the additional information he now has at his disposal.

In sequence b), however, North's response of three spades was forcing to game. Therefore, South's bid of four diamonds is a cue-bid showing first-round control of diamonds and does not necessarily promise a suit.

Once a cue-bidding sequence has been launched, it is incumbent on the partners to show their controls in proper order. First-round controls are shown first, then second-round controls. If you bypass a suit during the initial phase of cue-bidding, you deny first-round control in that suit. Similarly, failure to cue-bid a suit at a later opportunity would deny second-round control in that suit. With like controls in two or more suits, you show your lowest-ranking control first.

Thus, in sequence b) above, South is showing first-round control of diamonds, probably the ace, and at the same time he denies possession of first-round club control.

With nine cards in the suit, it is a closer decision. If everyone has followed to the first round of the suit, the drop will succeed 62 percent of the time.

Consider this South hand: ♠AKxx ♥Qxx ♦AKQxx ♣—.

South opens the bidding with one spade and North responds with three spades. Obviously, slam depends on North's heart holding. Blackwood won't elicit the necessary information—you need to know specifically which ace or kings North holds, not how many.

A cue-bidding sequence is the solution. North could have either of these hands:

c) ♠QJxx ♥Kxx ♦xx ♣AKxx
d) ♠QJxx ♥Jxx ♦xx ♣AKxx

Hand c) should produce a slam, while in hand d) there are two heart losers. South should cue-bid four clubs—his void—and North, without first-round diamond or heart controls, must rebid four spades. South now cue-bids five diamonds to show his first-round control in that suit, and with hand c) North should bid five hearts. That shows second-round heart control, since North did not cue-bid hearts at his first opportunity. South can now bid six spades.

With hand d), however, North should realize that his ace of clubs is a useless card, for North must be void in clubs. Since North has no heart control, he must simply rebid five spades over South's second try, and the auction will end there.

Q.—How much truth is there in the old saw: "Eight ever, nine never"?—R. McDonald, Hartford, Conn.

A.—Unless there has been a clue from the bidding or play that leads you to draw a contrary inference, this is one of the pieces of pure gold handed down from the days of whist. When you are missing five cards to the queen, the odds in favor of a finesse are overwhelming. Just considering 3-2 splits, there are six combinations where queen-third will be on-side and only four combinations with queen-doubleton offside. Thus the finesse is a three to two favorite to succeed, and the odds become even better if 4-1 breaks are included in the computations.

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SWAPO movement to reopen talks with five Western envoys

LUANDA, Angola, June 12 (R). — The SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organisation) Nationalist movement, meeting here with leaders of the five black "front line" states, yesterday agreed to restart the stalled talks with Western envoys on an independence settlement for Namibia, sources close to the meeting said.

Negotiations between SWAPO and the five Western states — Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada — were suspended on May 5 following South Africa's raid on a SWAPO base at Kassinga, deep inside Angola.

Last March the Western group presented a set of proposals for a Namibia (South West Africa) settlement, accepted by the South African government, which rules Namibia in defiance of the United Nations.

SWAPO officials were on the point of meeting the Western contact group to give their decision when South Africa launched its raid on Kassinga on May 4. South Africa maintained that Kassinga was SWAPO headquarters, but SWAPO said hundreds of innocent civilians died.

Sources at today's meeting said the outstanding issues to be negotiated with the Western group were the location of South African troops in Namibia during the transitional period towards independence and the future of the port of Walvis Bay.

Walvis, claimed by Pretoria as a South African enclave, is

the only deep water port on the Namibian coast and SWAPO believes it will be vital to the economic and military security of an independent state.

A communique issued at the

end of the meeting reaffirmed the front line states' continued support for SWAPO and called on the international community to support SWAPO on the Walvis Bay issue.

2 suspected W. German guerrillas begin trial in old Swiss fortress

PORRENTUR, Switzerland June 12 (R). — Two suspected West German urban guerrillas, Mrs. Gabriele Kroecher-Tiedemann, 27, and Christian Moeller, 28, went on trial in a heavily guarded medieval fortress here today, accused of attempting to murder two Swiss customs officers.

The security precautions were designed to guard against any attack aimed at freeing Mrs. Kroecher-Tiedemann, thought to be a close associate of the Venezuelan "Carlos," the world's most wanted guerrilla.

The pair were arrested last December 20 after a gun battle in which police said they shot and wounded the customs

men when the officers stopped their car at Fahy on the Swiss-French border near here.

CIA recruits foreigners openly, says agency head

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, June 12 (AP). — U.S. Central Intelligence Agency Director Stansfield Turner disclosed over the weekend that the CIA recruits foreigners studying or teaching in the United States, but said it is done with no more secrecy than recruiting by private businesses.

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Britain, France, Israel held secret talks before Suez War, says Lord Selwyn-Lloyd book

LONDON, June 12 (R). — Britain did have secret talks before the 1956 Anglo-French invasion of Suez with members of the French and Israeli governments, the Sunday Times said today in a preview of a book by the late Lord Selwyn-Lloyd.

Lord Selwyn-Lloyd was British foreign secretary at the time and ever since the crisis there have been various reports and speculation about collusion among the three powers over the ill-fated military expedition.

He completed his account of the events following the then Egyptian President Nasser's nationalisation of the Suez Canal Company just before the British politician died on May 17 last.

The secret meetings were said to have taken place in a villa outside Paris in October 1956, according to the newspaper's summary. But details of the meetings are provided in a later extract of the book.

Lord Selwyn-Lloyd, in the first extract published today in the Sunday Times, is critical of the attitude adopted by the U.S. administration of President Eisenhower in 1956 and in particular of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Of Dulles he wrote: "The trouble with him was that he seemed to want to hedge every bet he was prepared to consider ways of reducing economic support for Nasser but he was determined to avoid any appearance of 'ganging up' with us."

The former Conservative Party minister said France's strategy was simple. They wanted the destruction of Nasser and the cutting off of arms and other aids from Egypt to the Algerian Rebels.

Philippines swears in Marcos as prime minister

MANILA, June 12 (R). — President Ferdinand Marcos was sworn in today as the Philippines' first prime minister at the opening of the new legislature after nearly six years of martial law.

President Marcos, 60, who declared martial law in September 1972 to check what he said was a state of rebellion, will initially also preside over the 200-member interim body.

Under constitutional amendments last year, Mr. Marcos is both president and prime minister to provide a gradual change from presidential to parliamentary government.

The assembly is seen as a test of how far President Marcos is prepared to relax his one-man rule.

The inaugural session of the assembly coincided with the 80th anniversary of Philippine independence from Spanish rule, marked throughout the 7,200 islands by church bells and sirens.

Questioned by Mr. Halperin about inquiries made without the knowledge of potential sources, Mr. Turner said the CIA recruiting process is no different from that of private businesses and universities.

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Japan sends police agents to Mid-East

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They declined to say how many agents had moved to the Middle East to check on any hijack preparations by the Red Army, a violent group which supports efforts by radical Japanese to close Tokyo's new airport at Narita.

The sources refused to name the countries which now had Japanese security officials but one was believed to be Lebanon.

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Severe quakes rocks Tokyo

TOKYO, June 12 (R). — At least 17 people were killed and nearly 100 hurt today in a severe earthquake which set skyscrapers swaying and caused tidal waves alert on Japan's heavily-populated main land of Honshu.

Police said more people were feared dead in the quake, which jolted Tokyo and other cities on the Pacific coast.

The epicentre of the quake — which measured 7.5 on the Richter scale — was located 100 km (60 miles) off the Honshu coast under the Pacific seabed.

The first deaths were reported from the Pacific coast city of Sendai, 300 km (180 miles) northeast of Tokyo.

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HORSE RACING results



FIRST RACE:

For local country horses, beginners

Distance: 1,600 metres

THE FIRST: RAMZ AL KHAHL
Owner: Mousa Salamih
Time: 1.59 minute

THE SECOND: KLADIH
Owner: H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil

THE THIRD: M. RANIA
Owner: Ibrahim and A. Sokout

Win: 200 fils — 350 fils

Twin: 500 fils — JD 1.300

THIRD RACE:

For local country horses, third class

Distance: 1,600 metres

THE FIRST: MANSORAH
Owner: Hani Al Adwan
Time: 1.56,5 minute

THE SECOND: GHARANDAL
Owner: Mamdouh Al Hadid

THE THIRD: FARHIT MAJID
Owner: Khalid Al Adwan

Win: 200 fils — JD 1.300

Twin: 500 fils — JD 50

FIFTH RACE:

For third class horses

Distance: 1,000 metres

THE FIRST: RADWAH
Owner: H. H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil
Time: 1.11,6 minute

THE SECOND: NAMNOUM
Owner: Samer E. Farkouh

THE THIRD: RAJWIT NASIR
Owner: H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil

Win: 200 fils — JD 1.600

Twin: 500 fils — JD 10

Double Tote: 500 fils — JD 23



SECOND RACE:

For beginner horses

Distance: 1,400 metres

THE FIRST: WAHDIH
Owner: H.H. Sherif Naser Ibn Jamil
Time: 1.41,5 minute